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ACTION EB-08

INFO OCT-01 NEA-11 ISO-00 SOE-02 AID-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00
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R 170817Z MAY 78
FM USINT BAGHDAD
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6186
INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ENRG, IZ
SUBJECT: IRAQ REPORTEDLY HITS NEW OIL STRIKE

1. USINT OFFICER RECENTLY BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF
BRAZILIAN EMBOFF THE ARTICLE IN APRIL 7 ISSUE OF MIDDLE
EAST ECONOMIC DIGEST (MEED) REPORTING THAT A NEW
IRAQI OIL STRIKE NEAR BASRA COULD BE THE BIGGEST FIELD
IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HAVING NO COMMENT AT THE TIME, BRAZILIAN
EMBOFF HAS SUBSEQUENTLY REPLIED THAT PETROBRAS, WHICH HAS
CONCESSION FOR EXPLORATION IN SOUTHERN IRAQ, HAS INDEED
MADE MAJOR STRIKE SOUTH OF BASRA AND THAT IN ESSENCE,
MEED ARTICLE WAS CORRECT.

2. COMMENT. MEED REPORT IS ONE OF SEVERAL CONTAINING
SIMILAR INFORMATION THAT HAVE APPEARED IN WEST
EUROPEAN AND MIDDLE EAST (PARTICULARLY BEIRUT) PRESS.
THERE HAS BEEN NO CORROBORATING INFORMATION AVAILABLE
IN BAGHDAD EXCEPT THAT PROVIDED BY BRAZILIAN EMBOFFS.
USINT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY VERIFICATION WHICH WASHINGTON
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MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.
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